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THE EXPLORER PROGRAM RETURNS TO THE CITY

The City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department Announces the Return of the Explorer Program

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is proud to announce the return of the police explorer program. This is a program for young men and women between the ages of 14 and 21 who are interested in Law Enforcement as a career.

It is a nonprofit organization that evolved from the Police Youth Auxiliary, which was founded in June of 1967. When this program began it was led by full-time Police Officers of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department.

Applicants interested in the Explorer Program must meet the following requirements:

- Must be 14-21 years old.
- Must have a 2.0 GPA.
- Must have a valid identification card.
- Must be a current resident of the City.
- Must be able to attend weekly meetings.
- Must pass a background check and an oral interview.
- Must be able to work special assignments, details and events that are usually held at night and on the weekends.
- Must have 3 references.
- Must have permission from legal guardian. (If under 18 years old.)



The program will allow its participants to gain practical experience in law enforcement, and engage in activities centered on emphasizing career opportunities, life skills, citizenship, character education and leadership experience. Many of our current officers were members of our explorer program.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department's Explorer Program will establish the following six methods to meet the participants' developmental needs: Voluntary association, Ethical decision making, Group activity, Recognition of achievement, Democratic process, and Experiential learning. Exploring is experiential learning with lots of fun-filled, hands-on activities.

The program promotes the conditions necessary for the growth and development of adolescents. Young people need experiences that allow them to make good decisions, interact with their peers and acquire a sense of belonging, discuss conflicting values and formulate their own value system and participate as a responsible member of a group.

Anyone interested in joining should contact Sergeant Darren Ogden via email at dogden@fortlauderdale.gov.

Yours in Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bobby B. DuBose".

Commissioner Bobby B. DuBose

